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| FOR          | : | Device for Detecting a Mechanical Actuation of an Input Element by Using Digital Technology, and Method for Processing and Converting the Digital Input Signal Into Commands for Controlling a Load |
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Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

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**II. Copies of Listed References**

Copies of all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being supplied.

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**III. Concise Statement of Relevance**

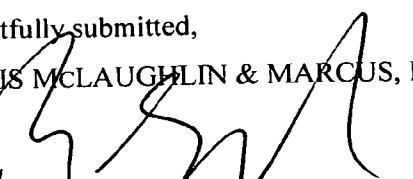
A concise statement of the relevance of all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 that are *not in the English language*, is being provided on a separate sheet.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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